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BANQUET IS GIVEN TO B. A. McKINNEY

Durantite, Now Head of Federal Reserve Bank, Guest Of Honor Wednesday Night.

B. A. McKinney, Durant citizen, newly elected Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, was tendered a huge banquet at the Atwood hotel Wednesday night, given by the Lions Club, the Rotary Club and the Chamber of Commerce. It was called "Buck's Friendship Banquet," and the dining room was filled with some 150 business men of Durant, all of them friends and most of them one time business associates of the new Governor.

It was a proud day for Buck's friends here when they learned that he had been selected as active head of the South's most important financial institution, and, it comes on good authority, the place was tendered him without solicitation on the part of himself or friends, and without even his indication that he would accept. The position was tendered him as a reward for individual merit, making it all the more a signal honor.

The program was commenced by Rev. E. Hotchkiss who returned thanks and after the banquet had been served and smokes had been passed and lighted, Hugh Cox, a life long friend and intimate associate of the guest of honor rapped for order and took charge as toastmaster, when he presented in order, Will Utterback, Vaulter Hayes and Charlie Cochran, each of whom paid compliments to and cast jests at the guest of honor, the toastmaster and others. Later he called upon Giles Malone, Bob Story and Charlie McPherson for impromptu remarks, who further elaborated upon events of the past and predicted for the future of the guest of honor.

Finally Buck himself was called upon, although taken unawares and acquitted himself like a real orator. He told of some of the problems confronting the Federal Reserve Bank and of his earnest desire that the institution he is to represent shall honestly perform the function for which it is intended. In alluding

ACROBATIC NEGRO MAKES ESCAPE FROM THE JAIL

But Is Retaken At Sherman The Next Day

Clifford Watson, who was being held in the county jail to await trial on a theft charge, played acrobat and escaped Saturday night after other prisoners were asleep. The escape was made by splicing a wire and water hose together and climbing down three floors outside the court house building to the ground, after he had broken a lock in the temporary cell which he was occupying. He tied the wire to the gutter pipe, which held his weight as he skinned down the hose.

Wilson was arrested in Sherman Sunday night, after walking there Saturday night and Sunday, keeping along the creek bottoms, he said. Deputy Sheriff R. J. Howard returned with him and he is again in jail.

LEAVING DURANT

Mr. and Mrs. John Cowan, expect to leave shortly for Fort Worth where they will make their home for the present. Mr. Cowan has accepted a position with the firm for whom he formerly worked and has north Texas territory to cover, making it necessary for him to live in his territory. Mr. Cowan closed a deal this week wherein E. M. Evans becomes the owner of his beautiful home on North Forth avenue.

to his own life and his twenty years in Durant, the sentiments that had been expressed got the better of him, and choking with emotion, he was momentarily unable to proceed with his remarks. He expressed his deep appreciation for the evidence of friendship displayed on the occasion and bespoke his earnest desire and effort to live up to the expectations of these friends.

Following Buck, Mr. Burkett, field agent of the Federal Reserve Bank made a few remarks, telling of the high regard in which Mr. McKinney is esteemed by the institution's employees.

The Program was ended by prayer by Rev. Chas. M. Schoonover.

THREE PERISH IN FIRE AT KEIRSEY

Mrs. C. W. Connelly and Two Small Daughters Burn To Death In Fire From Explosion

Mrs. C. W. Connelly and two small daughters, Winnifred, aged five and Hazel aged 7, are dead as result of the burning of their home in Keirseby about noon last Sunday. The body of Winnifred, charred beyond recognition was found in the ashes after the fire had burned itself out, while the mother and Hazel, died of the terrible burns inflicted upon them. No one was at home when the fire started who lives to tell of it. It is supposed that Mrs. Connelly had undertaken to build a fire and used gasoline by mistake for kerosene. Neither Mrs. Connelly nor the rescued child gained consciousness after being taken from the burning house. Little Winnifred, in the act of washing in a pan near the stove, fell on her face and was burned to death where she lay. The two elder daughters were at Sunday School and the father, who is postmaster and Frisco agent, was at the depot when the accident occurred.

Ed and Cal Talley, merchants of Silo, to the north of Keirseby were coming into Keirseby and were first to see the fire. They drove their car at terrific speed the last half mile blowing the horn the while to attract attention. Mr. Connelly, attracted by the horn and speeding car looked in the direction it traveled and saw his home in flames and followed. Reaching the house and hearing screams they took desperate measure to save the occupants. The front door was locked, but quickly running around the house, they forced their way into the back door, when Cal Talley by the use of force carried the frantic mother out of the burning house. Mrs. Connelly had been about overcome by the flames and had fallen against the door which Talley had to force open in order to drag her out of the burning house. The elder daughter, Hazel, was rescued by her father, but was so horribly burned that she died within an hour.

By this time the house, a small boxed structure was a mass of flames and the heat was intense, but in spite of this Buster Hester of Keirseby, made an attempt to break through the flames to save the smaller girl, Winnifred, in which he failed and was painfully burned in the attempt but not seriously injured. Bystanders were thus forced to stand by and see the house and little child within consumed by the flames.

Mrs. Connelly never regained consciousness and died at ten o'clock Sunday night. Mr. Connelly was prostrated and almost demented by the shock of the catastrophe and he required considerable medical attention.

The news of the tragedy spread rapidly and immense crowds including several physicians came from all quarters, but no skill could save the mother of the two dead children.

PRECINCT COMMITTEES ARE TO MEET JANUARY 13

State Chairman Ben F. Lafayette has just sent out a call for each precinct in Oklahoma to select members of the precinct committee at a meeting at two o'clock on the afternoon of Friday, January 13th, in the incorporated towns and country precincts, with the meetings for cities of the first class and managerial or commission form of government to be held at eight o'clock p. m. on the same date.

Under the new constitution adopted by the Democratic Party of Oklahoma, there will be seven members to constitute the precinct committee, a chairman and vice chairman, a secretary-treasurer and four additional members. Either the chairman or vice chairman shall be a woman, and two of the four members shall be women. Within fifteen days after the selection of the new members of the Precinct Committee, the present county chairman will call a county convention for the purpose of selecting a chairman, vice chairman and secretary-treasurer of the county organization. The county chairman and vice chairman will be members of the State Central Committee.

This is the first reorganization of the party in Oklahoma in which the women are given equal voice with the men. Owing to the fact that this is the year for electing all state officers, a great deal of interest is expected to be manifested in this reorganization throughout the state.

WOULD LEVY GASOLINE TAX TO PAY SOLDIER BONUS

Representative Bachrach, of New Jersey, has introduced a bill calling for a federal tax of three cents per gallon on gasoline to raise money for the proposed soldier bonus the tax to be collected from the refineries.

COUNTY COURT IS CLEANING DOCKET

Numerous Criminal Cases Being Disposed of This Week. Several Cases Dismissed

County Court has been a busy place this week, with Judge Finney presiding and has transacted quite a lot of business. Cases disposed of during the week as furnished by Court Clerk Grimes are as follows:

Tom Cole, violating prohibition law, dismissed on motion of State. Carl Abbott, violating prohibition law, dismissed on motion of State. Doc Gilliland, violating prohibition law, dismissed.

George Carpenter, violating of prohibition law, dismissed. W. T. Elliot, violating prohibition law, dismissed.

J. E. Jutson, violating prohibition law, dismissed.

Albert Key, violating prohibition law, dismissed. John Robnett, violating prohibition law, dismissed.

W. L. Womack, violating prohibition law, dismissed.

Will Watson, violating prohibition law, dismissed.

Henry Roberts, white, and Nancy Giles, negroess of near Colbert, were convicted of outraging public decency and each fined \$250.00 by the jury in its verdict returned late Wednesday afternoon. They had formerly been indicted for adultery by a grand jury but the charge failed to stick and information was filed later on the charge of which conviction was secured. People in the neighborhood brought the matter to officers' attention.

C. H. Hodge, wife and child abandoned, jury conviction, fined \$500.

B. H. Counts, violating prohibition law, plea of guilty, \$50 fine and 30 days in jail.

J. H. Boring, violating prohibition law, plea of guilty, \$50 fine and 30 days in jail.

L. J. Trammel, violating prohibition law, plea of guilty, \$50 fine and 30 days in jail.

H. J. Potts, violating prohibition law, plea of guilty, \$50 fine and 30 days in jail.

Virgil Wington, bastardy, dismissed for want of prosecution.

J. W. Wingfield, abandonment, plea of guilty, not yet sentenced.

Harrison Dyer, violating prohibition law, three cases, all continued.

Denny Simpson, violating prohibition law, continued.

J. T. Holland, libel, dismissed.

Will Babb, violating prohibition law, continued.

M. Havenauer, violating prohibition law, dismissed.

Allie Mingo, violating prohibition law dismissed.

Will Watson violating prohibition law, dismissed.

E. P. Gaines violating prohibition law \$50 fine and 30 days in jail.

Fred Calloway violating quarantine law continued.

John Rankin, violating quarantine law continued.

Jim Wideman outraging public decency continued.

Mike Wells violating prohibition law continued.

LOCAL BANKS HOLD ANNUAL MEETINGS

Four of the five Durant banks held their annual stockholders' meetings Tuesday of this week, for the purpose of electing officers and directors, results being announced as follows:

First National
C. C. Hatchett, President; Green Thompson and Frank Gibson, vice presidents; Dial Currin, cashier; Ralph Ownby, Frank Dyer and J. S. Turner, assistant cashiers. The directors are C. C. Hatchett, Green Thompson, Frank Gibson, J. W. Brown, V. J. Steger, Dial Currin and L. F. Lee.

Durant National
The old officers and directors were re-elected, as follows: Jas. R. McKinney, President; W. C. Slaughter, vice president; M. W. Fitzgerald, cashier; J. E. McKinney, assistant cashier. The directors, Jas. R. McKinney, W. C. Slaughter, Horace Marshall, W. F. Pendleton, Ben S. Ingram, R. L. Murray, Hugh Halsell, G. B. Malone, S. C. Boswell, T. F. Gwaltney, Galen H. McKinney.

Commercial National
G. A. Mason, president; Sam Stone, vice president; W. E. Clark, cashier; Directors, E. W. Stewart, Howard Holmes, O. L. Shannon, Ed L. Spears, E. W. Matthews, C. B. Cochran, G. A. Mason, Sam Stone, W. E. Clark, W. E. Strickland, E. C. Lake.

American State
S. A. Whale, president; D. Morgan and H. L. Cox, vice presidents; H. D. Neely, cashier; J. B. Hunsaker, assistant cashier; Charles Calhoun, assistant cashier. Directors, S. A. Whale, D. Morgan, H. L. Cox, H. D. Neely, W. E. Utterback, Jewel Hicks and J. Henry Johnson.

SATURDAY TRADES DAY A WONDERFUL SUCCESS

Nearly \$700 In Farm Produce Auctioned Off Saturday.

Durant has a real trades day last Saturday, when as was widely advertised the folks from the country brought into town everything grown or raised or made on a farm, which they wanted to sell, and town folks who needed the goods presented themselves to buy. Numerous expressions of satisfaction at the success of the affair were heard and another one will be held March 7.

The stuff began coming in early in the morning, and everything from organs to bed quilts, sweet potatoes to prairie hay, chickens to fresh meat, hogs, cattle and horses to farm implements were brought in and sold. In fact just about as fast as lots of the stuff was driven on the square it was sold and something else came along to take its place.

The auction, which started at one o'clock in the afternoon under the direction of Virgil Cole was another big success of the day, and it was hard for some of the farmers to believe that the auctioneer's services were free to them, he being paid by the Chamber of Commerce, Retail Division.

A total of \$697.10 worth of stuff was sold by auction, and every one seemed to be well satisfied with the price received for their stuff.

Besides the stuff auctioned off, hundreds of sales were made on the market square between buyer and seller.

GOVERNOR WANTS ADVICE

Advice from the taxpayers of the state on the wisdom of submitting at a special election the proposal of the amendment to the constitution to permit school districts to levy not more than 15 mills on the dollar for school purposes without the necessity of all election is sought by Governor Robertson in a statement issued Saturday.

It is said that many school boards of the State have already requested the Governor to call such an election but that none have received any encouragement.

CHANDLER BANK ROBBED OF \$1,500

Lone Bandit Escaped With \$1,500 Locking Cashier In Bank's Vault.

The Union National Bank of Chandler, Oklahoma, was robbed during the noon hour Wednesday, the lone bandit escaping with \$1,500.00 after locking Carl Wright, the cashier, in the bank's vault.

The town was more or less quiet and Wright was alone in the bank at the time. The bandit entered by the side door. Wright looked up from his work to see who had entered and looked down the muzzle of a revolver and stuck 'em up as commanded, when the robber rifled the cash drawer, pushed Wright into the vault and escaped.

In an attempt to pass time away until some one entered the bank, Wright started joking with the bandit, and induced him to open all the drawers inside the cage before opening the cash drawer. As he was being locked in the vault the cashier asked the bandit to turn off the adding machine motor, and as for asking how it was done the robber obeyed. The cashier, soon released, says he can identify the robber if he sees him.

The bank robbed is one of the busy corners of the town.

HARDING HAS POW WOW WITH PARTY LEADERS

President Harding gave a dinner the other night to a lot of the leading Republican leaders in the House and the Senate and took occasion to oil up his Republican administration steam roller, with the aid of which he hopes to smash all Democratic and recalcitrant Republican opposition, and put some of his and his friends' political measures through Congress. A lot of things were suggested at the pow wow according to the city papers. One of them was the idea of a cash bonus to former service men, which they are figuring, can be paid out of funds the United States loaned the allies several years ago, when the allies pay us back.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

INDIAN TERRITORY BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATION

of Durant, Oklahoma, December 31, 1921.

ASSETS

Cash on hand	\$ 1,670.59
Loans on mortgage security	359,575.00
Loans on stock security	22,750.00
Furniture and fixtures	1,610.66
Delinquent interest and premium	1,706.32
Insurance and taxes due from borrowers	330.18
Total	\$387,642.75

LIABILITIES

Due on installment stock	\$196,204.75
Advance payment stock	170,700.00
Bills Payable	11,500.00
Contingent or reserve fund	7,221.06
Undivided profits	2,016.94
Total	\$387,642.75

State of Oklahoma,
County of Bryan, ss:

I, J. B. Raines, Secretary of the above named association, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief, so help me God.
J. B. RAINES, Secretary.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of January, 1922.

L. K. HUGHEY, Notary Public.
My commission expires January 8, 1924.

Correct—Attest:

V. L. DOWNING,
JOHN LORGE,
C. G. SHANE, Directors.

\$5.00 a month invested with us will mature you \$500.00 in 75 months. \$500.00 in cash invested with us will double in 90 months.

No taxes, no insurance. Can you beat it?

Come in and let us explain our savings plan to you. No trouble to answer questions.

THE INDIAN TERRITORY BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATION

J. B. RAINES.

First National Bank Building.

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Report of the condition of the DURANT BUILDING & LOAN ASSOCIATION

of Durant, Oklahoma, Dec. 31, 1921.

ASSETS

Cash on hand	\$ 37,362.98
Loans on mortgage security	702,045.00
Loans on stock security	95,995.55
Furniture and fixtures	500.00
Bonds	5,000.00
Accounts receivable	1,216.87

Total \$842,120.40

LIABILITIES

Dues on installment stock paid in	\$680,849.93
Dividends on stock	129,896.82
Full paid stock	19,350.00
Due borrowers (incomplete loans)	3,232.95
Contingent undivided profits	828.80
Reserve fund	5,927.37
Undivided profits	2,034.53

Total \$842,120.40

State of Oklahoma, County of Bryan, ss.
I, O. R. Salmon, Secretary of the above named association, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief, so help me God.
O. R. SALMON, Secretary.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of January, 1922.

Nona Hughes, Notary Public.

My commission expires September 23, 1924.

S. A. WHALE,
JAS. R. McKINNEY,
C. O. JOHNSON, Directors.